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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2621, Expedited Procedure

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PAUL RAYMOND  
HIGGINBOTTOM ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/523,595

Filed: March 10, 2000

For: ENCODING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS

Examiner: Duy M. Dang

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action of September 30, 2003, to January 30, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

January 30, 2004  
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January 30, 2004  
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In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 3, and the Remarks begin at page 22.